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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 99-371)

PATENT

In re Application of: Thomason et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/391,861 ) Before the Examiner: D. Nguyen  
Filed: September 7, 1999 ) Group Art Unit: 1632  
For: Fibroblast Growth Factor-Like )  
Polypeptides )

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Commissioner for Patents  
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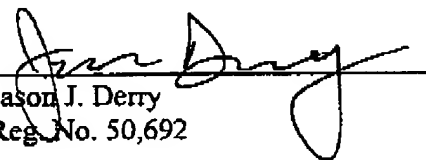
Sir:

**PETITION FOR A FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants request a Five-Month Extension of Time to extend the period of reply to and including November 7, 2005. Please charge the requisite amount of \$2160.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dated: November 7, 2005

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